CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of analyzing an acoustical signal, comprising:

inputting the acoustical signal;

extracting a set of intrinsic mode functions from the acoustical signal; ~~and~~

storing said set of intrinsic mode functions of the acoustical signal [[.]]; and

identifying a specific acoustical signal;

wherein said specific acoustical signal is identified in said set of intrinsic mode functions.

2. (Withdrawn) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising:

identifying a specific acoustical signal.

3. (Withdrawn) The computer implemented method according to claim 2,

wherein said specific acoustical signal is identified in said set of intrinsic mode functions.

4. (Currently amended) The computer implemented according to claim ~~2~~ 1,

wherein said specific acoustical signal is noise.

5. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising:

removing said specific acoustical signal from said set of intrinsic mode functions; and

reconstructing the acoustical signal.

6. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method according to claim ~~5~~ 21,

wherein reconstructing the acoustical signal includes summing up said set of intrinsic mode function.

7. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of analyzing an acoustical signal, comprising:

inputting the acoustical signal;

extracting a set of intrinsic mode functions from the acoustical signal;

storing said set of intrinsic mode functions of the acoustical signal; ~~and~~

transforming said set of intrinsic mode functions with a Hilbert transform to generate a Hilbert spectrum[[.]]<u>;</u>

<u>identifying a specific acoustical signal in the Hilbert spectrum; and</u>

<u>storing the Hilbert spectrum.</u>

8. (Withdrawn) The computer implemented method according to claim 7, further comprising:

identifying a specific acoustical signal in the Hilbert spectrum.

9. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method according to claim ~~8~~ <u>7</u>,

wherein said specific acoustical signal is noise.

10. (Withdrawn) The computer implemented method according to claim 8, further comprising:

storing the Hilbert spectrum.

11. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 7, further comprising:

removing said specific acoustical signal from said set of intrinsic mode functions; and

reconstructing the acoustical signal.

12. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method according to claim ~~11~~ 22,

wherein reconstructing the acoustical signal includes summing up said set of intrinsic mode function.

13. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of analyzing an acoustical signal, comprising:

inputting a first acoustical signal;

extracting a first set of intrinsic mode functions from the first acoustical signal;

transforming said first set of intrinsic mode functions with a Hilbert transform to generate a first Hilbert spectrum; ~~and~~

storing said first Hilbert spectrum[[.]];

inputting a second acoustical signal;

extracting a second set of intrinsic mode functions from the second acoustical signal;

transforming said second set of intrinsic mode functions with a Hilbert transform to generate a second Hilbert spectrum;

storing said second Hilbert spectrum of the second acoustical signal; and

comparing said first and second Hilbert spectra.

14. (Original) The computer implemented method according to claim 13,

wherein the first acoustical signal is generated from a first human voice source.

15. (Withdrawn) A computer implemented method according to claim 13, comprising:

inputting a second acoustical signal;

extracting a second set of intrinsic mode functions from the second acoustical signal;

transforming said second set of intrinsic mode functions with a Hilbert transform to generate a second Hilbert spectrum;

storing said second Hilbert spectrum of the second acoustical signal; and

comparing said first and second Hilbert spectra.

16. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method according to claim ~~15~~ 13,

wherein the first acoustical signal is generated from a first human voice source and the second acoustical signal is generated from a second human voice source.

17. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method according to claim ~~15~~ 13,

wherein the step of comparing said first and second Hilbert spectra includes obtaining a correlation coefficient between said Hilbert spectra.

18. (Original) The computer implemented method according to claim 13, further comprising:

providing a second Hilbert spectrum; and

comparing said first and second Hilbert spectra.

19. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method according to claim ~~18~~ 24,

wherein the step of providing the Hilbert spectrum of the specific acoustical signal includes retrieving said second Hilbert spectrum from a database.

20. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method to claim ~~18~~ 24,

wherein the step of comparing said first and second Hilbert spectra includes obtaining a correlation coefficient between said Hilbert spectra.

21. (New) A computer implemented method of analyzing an acoustical signal, comprising:

inputting the acoustical signal;

extracting a set of intrinsic mode functions from the acoustical signal;

storing said set of intrinsic mode functions of the acoustical signal;

identifying a specific acoustical signal;

removing said specific acoustical signal from said set of intrinsic mode functions; and

reconstructing the acoustical signal.

22. (New) A computer implemented method of analyzing an acoustical signal, comprising:

inputting the acoustical signal;

extracting a set of intrinsic mode functions from the acoustical signal;

storing said set of intrinsic mode functions of the acoustical signal;

transforming said set of intrinsic mode functions with a Hilbert transform to generate a Hilbert spectrum;

identifying a specific acoustical signal in the Hilbert spectrum;

removing said specific acoustical signal from said set of intrinsic mode functions; and

reconstructing the acoustical signal.

23. (New) A computer implemented method of analyzing an acoustical signal, comprising:

inputting a first acoustical signal;

extracting a first set of intrinsic mode functions from the first acoustical signal;

transforming said first set of intrinsic mode functions with a Hilbert transform to generate a first Hilbert spectrum; and

storing said first Hilbert spectrum;

wherein the first acoustical signal is generated from a first human voice source.

24. (New) A computer implemented method of analyzing an acoustical signal, comprising:

inputting a first acoustical signal;

extracting a first set of intrinsic mode functions from the first acoustical signal;

transforming said first set of intrinsic mode functions with a Hilbert transform to generate a first Hilbert spectrum; ~~and~~

storing said first Hilbert spectrum;

providing a second Hilbert spectrum; and

comparing said first and second Hilbert spectra.